

BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Present:	Karl Ackerman	Dan Sandberg	Dan Van Lanen
	Kimberly Hess	Andrea Schultz	Tom Witczak
	Michael Panosh	Bob Schuurmans	Chris Blazek
	Cullen Peltier	Justin Steinbrinck	

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

II. Approve Minutes

Motion was made by Witczak and seconded by Van Lanen to approve the minutes from the April 2016 meeting. **Motion carried.**

III. I-41 Construction Update

Schuurmans reported that I-41 will fully open up in mid-August and then Velp Avenue will be closing for 60 days.

IV. Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force Update

Panosh stated that both the speed and OWI task forces are operating right now. He reported that OWI numbers have escalated lately.

Ackerman reported that after some fine-tuning, officers are getting more road time with less delay in waiting at the hospital and in getting warrants signed. Awareness is also being made through the media.

It was noted to send any information to be posted to the TSC's Facebook page to Steinbrinck and/or Sandberg.

V. BOTS Updates

Panosh stated that the BOTS office has put together a document with statistical data entitled "Anatomy of Traffic Safety" that counties can request. He also informed that it is relatively simple to enter crash data into the online community maps database, which is free to the public to search.

VI. Second Quarter Traffic Fatalities

Sandberg reported there were no fatalities for the second quarter of 2016. However, there was a double fatality last night at CTH X and Glenmore Road.

VII. Review of Case Study/CTH X Fatal Crash

Sandberg reported that the Bellevue directed enforcement officer had discussion with the bus transit about moving the bus stop to the mobile home side of the street. It was learned that the bus travels 10 minutes further to the south before it turns around and comes back, so riders probably don't want to wait that long to

get off the bus on that side of the street. It was also learned that this is an active stop for KI employees. Ackerman suggested maybe moving the bus stop a block before KI to deter riders going to the trailer park from getting off on that side of the street.

VIII. LE Technical Assistance to Increase Seatbelt Use Study

Sandberg advised that Brown County has been selected as one of six agencies in the nation for a one-year pilot program involving seat belt usage, set to kick off in August. Head counts will be done in different locations of the number of people not wearing seat belts. Brown County will have \$12,000 to use for media/education purposes such as creating banners, flyers and pamphlets. The NHTSA will print these materials. Sandberg stated that the informational materials could be printed in another language and distributed at such events as Hmong Fest, being that seat belt education is needed in the minority population. Hess inquired if this would include child seat information, and Sandberg stated it would. Hess suggested that officers receive a refresher course in child seat usage. Sandberg suggested possibly at an officer in-service or downloading a video or informational material to the Sheriff's Office computer drive for officers to view during down time.

IX. Citizen Appearances

None.

X. Other Business as Allowed by Law

Schultz reported that DOT came to their suicide prevention meeting and that they are looking into different strategies to handle the situations on the Leo Frigo Bridge such as how the media covers these events, signage improvement and extra money for patrol.

Hess stated there will be a car seat check this Thursday at Cliff Wall.

Panosh stated that the Governor's Highway Safety Conference is going to be held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay this year from August 23-25.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary